## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 2977

JEFFREY W. MOEHLENBRUCK Group Art Unit: 1656

JOHN P. RANIERI Examiner: Marsha M. Tsay

Serial No.: 10/812,268

Attorney Docket: 2103.013882/RFE Filed: March 29, 2004 (SBI-064-DIV)

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

DEGENERATION CUSTOMER NO. 45488

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 22, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including July 22, 2007, in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007.

The Director is authorized to deduct the fee for a one-month extension of time and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON, P.C. CUSTOMER NO. 45488

July 6, 2007 /Raymund F, Eich/ Raymund F, Eich, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 42,508

10333 Richmond, Suite 1100 Houston, Texas 77042 (713) 934-4065

AGENT FOR APPLICANTS